

Supporting The Filing Of An Application For A Grant From The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) For Removal Of The Mount Pleasant Bridge In The Town Of Shandaken, And Authorizing The Execution Of Any Associated Grant Funding Contract With CWC

Referred to: The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Greene, Litts, Loughran, and Maloney)

Chairman of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee, Dean J. Fabiano, and Deputy Chairman Peter M. Loughran offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Watershed Corporation has funding available through its Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program (FHMIP); and

WHEREAS, the goals of the FHMIP include funding for structural and nonstructural projects to improve flood resilience in communities located within the boundaries of the New York City water-supply watershed, west of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, a Local Flood Analysis report prepared for the Town of Shandaken by civil engineering consultant Milone & MacBroom in June of 2016, recommended Mount Tremper Floodplain Enhancement on the Esopus Creek (the "Project") that estimates a reduction in the water surface elevation of 1.6 feet during a 10-year flood event, and 3.5 feet during a 100-year flood event in the vicinity of the Route 28 bridge; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Project, the Mount Pleasant Bridge, which connects Mt. Pleasant Road on the west bank of the Esopus Creek, with New York State Highway 212 on the opposite bank, would need to be removed. Importantly, this bridge is in poor condition and is currently closed to both vehicular and foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, removal of the bridge would meet the eligibility requirements of the FHMIP grant program and would be an important first step in the overall Project; and

WHEREAS, the County deems the Project and therefore, removal of the bridge to be in the public interest; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature supports the application for grant funding, from the CWC, as part of its FHMIP, to be used to remove the Mount Pleasant Bridge; and it is further

